PRISONERS IN THE CENTRAL JAIL—PUNISHMENTS AWARDED.

183. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar (*Nellayi*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the total number of prisoners in the Central Jail at present;

(*b*) how many of them are women and how many juveniles;

(*c*) had the Jail authorities occasions to resort to beating the prisoners during the last 2 years;

(*d*) if so, in how many cases and the special reasons for the same?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) There are at present 202 prisoners in the Central Jail.

(*b*) Women 6.

Juveniles Nil.

(*c*) and (*d*) Yes. Whipping had to be resorted to. In 1112, there were three cases and in 1113 there were 7 cases.

Of the 3 cases in 1112, one was for repeated and defiant refusal to obey orders, one for unruly and indecent behaviour and the third for insolence and use of abusive language to prison officers and co-prisoners.

Of the 7 cases in 1113, 2 were for defiant attitude and continued disobedience of orders, 2 for clandestine removal of articles from the weaving shed and kitchen and the remaining 3 for assaults.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar (*Nellayi*): Is more than one prisoner kept in a single room?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): Sometimes.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar (*Nellayi*): How many?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): I cannot give you the exact number.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar (*Nellayi*): Is it because there is no sufficient number of rooms that more than one prisoner is kept in one room?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

ARRESTS FOR TRESPASS—COCHIN-SHORANUR RAILWAY LINE.

184. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar (*Nellayi*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the total number of arrests made by the Railway

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Police for trespass on the Shoranur-Cochin line during the last four months ;

(*b*) how many persons were punished for the same and how many let off without punishment;

(*c*) how many persons defended?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No arrests have been made for trespass on the Shoranur-Cochin Railway during the four months ending 16th December 1938.

(*b*) and (*c*) Does not arise in view of the answer to (*a*).

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar (*Nellayi*): Is it four months prior to the receipt of my question ?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): Yes. During the "last four months". That is what is stated here.

INCOME-TAX OFFENCE—PROSECUTION.

185. Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty (*Ezhuvas-Trichur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that an assessee was prosecuted and convicted for falsifying accounts and suppressing income;

(*b*) the income originally assessed and that assessed in appeal ?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Rs. 18,449 and Rs. 55,354 respectively.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty (*Ezhuvas-Trichur*): May I know who is the individual concerned in this prosecution ?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): One G. V. Kamath, proprietor of Sri Venkitesh Oil Mills at Palluruthy.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty (*Ezhuvas-Trichur*): May I know in what language he used to keep his accounts ?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): I have no information.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappaili*): Were there any other cases of such prosecution during the last year ?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): I want notice.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): Who is the officer who checks the accounts ?

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